

Armed Forces Week 2021



Armed Forces Week is a celebration of the days coming up to Armed Forces Day (the third Saturday of every May). For American service citizens, Armed Forces Week is an time to recall all times of service for all branches of the service. It is the consolidation of a single remembrance.

On Armed Forces Day itself, the combination of all the events of Armed Forces Week is represented, which can begin as early as the second Saturday

of May and ends the following Saturday with the observance of Armed Forces Day. There are many ways military communities observe Armed Forces Week.

In addition to what has already been described above, there are base-level gatherings including parades, military aircraft “flyovers” and air shows, luncheons, and fitness or health themed events. Oftentimes there will be an Armed Forces Week theme with specific events

planned for each day of the week.

Since Armed Forces Week does not result in federal installations closing, many military bases may offer extended access to the public including the viewing of “static displays” of aircraft or other military hardware on base.

This year, Armed Forces Day is celebrated on May 15, the third Saturday of the month.

Read more: <https://militarybenefits.info/armed-forces-week/>.

2021 ROTC Commissioning Ceremony

The Army Reserve Officers Training Corp (ROTC) at Canisius College will commission 14 cadets as second lieutenants during a private ceremony on Thursday, June 3 at 10:00 a.m. The ceremony will take place at the Sandy Beach Yacht Club in Grand Island.

Eight students attend Canisius College, five attend the State University of New York at Buffalo and one attends the State University of New York College at Buffa-



lo. The Canisius students being commissioned are:

- Ethan J. Alexin, a business and economics dual major, is assigned to the corps of engineers with the New York Army National Guard;
- Katelyn M. Bove, a clinical mental health counseling major, is assigned to adjutant general corps and will service with the New York Army National Guard;
- Adam J. Dunbar, a

marketing major, is assigned to military intelligence and will service with the New York Army National Guard;

- Autumn C. Finch, an international relations and political science dual major, is assigned to ordnance corps and will service on active duty;
- Tanner C. Heinchon, a health and wellness major, is assigned to the infantry branch and will service on active duty;
- Brendan T. Morrison, a sports management major, is assigned to the armor branch and will service on active duty.

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Providence Farm Puts Down Roots in Orchard Park

Committed to empowering autonomy and ownership among its 300 immigrant, refugee and Black farmers, Providence Farm Collective (PFC) makes a transformational move to ensure secure, long-term land tenure for its farm communities this spring with the help of a generous supporter.

In its 2020 inaugural year, amidst a pandemic, eight unique communities came together as Providence Farm Collective on leased land in East Aurora, NY, to grow 23,000 pounds of fresh, nutrient-dense and culturally relevant produce on 8.5 acres of converted horse pasture. Although 90% of PFC’s farmer participants have farming experi-

ence and multi-generational agrarian roots in their home countries, its farmers experience fresh food insecurity with few means of producing or accessing healthy, affordable foods important to their traditions in the City of Buffalo. This past season, elders and parents were able to share their farm and culinary heritage with over 120 youth in their families and communities through PFC’s summer education and employment opportunities. Over 2,200 individuals in Erie and Niagara Counties’ USDA food deserts accessed the produce grown at Providence Farm.

On 37 acres of well-drained, fertile agricultural land on Burton

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Memories

From the Buffalo Rocket archives



The Juicery, located on the ring road in Delaware Park, was a favorite watering hole for runners and horses.

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Terrie's Boxing Club Opening

Anyone else feel like they need to release some stress after the year we have had? Well you're in luck! After 32 years in business, Terrie's Workout Center is expanding right next door to their current location with Terrie's Boxing Club at 1471 Hertel Avenue. I was lucky enough to get a first look at the new center and talk to Trainer and Manager Chad Pozantidis.

Immediately when I walked in, I got a perfect view of the entire club filled with a 22-foot boxing ring, 12 different types of bags, bikes and plenty of open space. Chad joked that the center was "the easiest tour to give" which was exactly what he was looking for when his vision began to come together. Once the Pozantidis' took over the building, which was previously

Taki and Chad Pozantidis got to work refurbishing the hardwood floors while painting and restoring the existing ceiling. Picture a boxing center with that iconic North Buffalo charm.

The club will be open to anyone, from beginners to competitive boxers. The membership can be purchased separately or added to an existing Terrie's Workout Center member-



Terrie's Boxing Club, Exterior.

The Juicery Reopens Under New Management

The Juicery located in Delaware Park, officially re-opens in early May 2021.

The Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy is excited to announce a new partnership that brings nostalgia to Delaware Park –

The Juicery will make its return to the kiosk at the Nottingham and Meadow Drive entrance thanks to Angelo Canna and business partner Jake Caprow.

The Juicery will be open from Dawn to Dusk,

7 days a week. Menu items will include: Pita pockets, salads, acai bowls, smoothies, milkshakes, and ice cream.

For more information on The Juicery and Delaware Park, please visit the website at www.thejuicery716.com and www.bfparks.org.

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The Blotter Felonies

From "D" District

North Buffalo May 9, 2021

Summit Avenue – While investigating a call of shots fired officers did approach a vehicle matching the description from the call a silver Cadillac sedan. Officers did recover 7 clonazepam, 6 Pregabalin and Suboxone strip inside a clear bag from defendant's front right pants pocket. Defendant did also have in plain view a small plastic bag with a gray substance of what appears to be heroin. Officers did submit the recovered items to the lab.

Riverside May 9, 2021

Howell at Grote streets – Complainant states unknown suspect(s) did cause damage to her vehicle by means of spray painting "FU KKK 88" along driver's side "FU N*****" along passenger side as well as miscellaneous marks all over vehicle in red and yellow spray paint (total damage over \$1,500.00.) Detective arrived on scene. Photo arrived on scene.

May 9, 2021

Saybrook Street – Complainant reports the suspect did throw a brick at front glass window causing it to break. The windows were estimated to cost approximately \$1,000.00. Complainant also states the screen was removed from the side window. P1 is suspect in other incidents around the same area on Saybrook.

May 9, 2021

Rano Street – Victim and witness report that after a heated argument that two males did shoot at his house multiple times causing damage to said house. Victim and witness have video of said incident. The two suspects listed above are possible suspects in this incident. There may also be video footage of incident available from 122 Rano. Seven shell casings were recovered at the scene and submitted by patrol officer.

May 9, 2021

Jasper Parish – Victim reports when she returned home, suspect was inside her apartment. Victim reports that suspect did cut the power cords to multiple appliances within apartment that belong to

victim. Suspect is in violation of stay away order. Suspect did also make several calls to victim while patrol was on scene. Approximate value of damage to property is over \$250.00. Domestic referral card issued to victim.

May 8, 2021

Lawn Avenue – Victim reports that on multiple dates throughout April and May an unknown person(s) did make multiple scratches on his vehicle. Vehicles were parked at various locations on Lawn Avenue during incidents. No suspect information available. Victim wanted incidents on file in case situation escalates. Total value of damage to said vehicles is above \$250.00.

West Side May 10, 2021

Auburn Street – Victim reports that she and suspect attended a party on the previous night. On this date the suspect became jealous when the victim's phone rang thinking it was another man. The suspect began striking the victim in the face area with a closed fist, threw her to the ground and did take her phone in order to prevent a call to 911. The suspect did also place his hands on the victim's neck leaving marks. DIR completed.

May 10, 2021

Parkdale Avenue – Victim reports defendant did knowingly enter residence through an unlocked window and did make alarming statements to victim. Victim knew she was not permitted in residence. Defendant charged.

May 9, 2021

Abbottsford Place – Physical altercation previously in the day, resulted in male defendant leaving the house. Defendant returned and did have to be physically removed from house by third party after harassing complainant. Domestic incident report completed for incident.

May 9, 2021

Herkimer at Ferguson Streets – Victim states that he was trying to buy marijuana at the corner store at Herkimer at West Ferry when two males described as males in their late teens did lead him

north on Herkimer Street. Around the area of Herkimer and Ferguson, at least one, but possibly three other persons did begin striking and stabbing him. Victim did have four stab wounds to center of chest. One to stomach and on to his back. Doctor's stated that male was stable but awaiting surgery. Male claims he has no phone number or current Buffalo address only that he is staying "somewhere on Arkansas."

May 8, 2021

Plymouth at Hampshire Streets – Suspect parked illegally outside of corner store that has numerous 311 complaints for narcotics dealings. Upon approach, driver did not have a license, spearing both agitated and nervous shifting around inside the vehicle after being advised to remain stationary, raising officer's suspicions. Officers did during safety sweep, feel a large object protruding out from defendant's pants consistent with narcotics. Officers did detain the suspect in handcuffs for safety purposes. Officers did pull back the defendant's waistband, and in plain view, did see two large tied off baggies containing a large amount of white rock like substance (25.7 grams) believed to be crack cocaine. Vehicle found to be uninsured and unregistered. South Carolina dealer plated. Narcotics submitted by patrol officer to CPS lab.

2021 ROTC

Commissioning Ceremony

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vice with the New York Army National Guard;

- Patrick J. Rosati, a health and wellness major, is assigned to the infantry branch and will service on active duty; and

- Christopher W. Tucker, a health and wellness major, is assigned to the corps of engineers and will be stationed with the Army Reserves.

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This Week's Featured Friend: TULIP

Tulip is a very petite girl...four years young and super mellow. She can play hard like a girl boss when the mood strikes her, but she mostly prefers to nap all day. She would be the purrfect companion for a retiree or someone with a very calm life. This beautiful girl had a litter of kittens who were all scooped up immediately. Tulip was left behind because she wasn't feeling well enough to get spayed along with her babies. She has since recovered in a foster home and is ready for her turn.



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ACROSS

- 1 Borscht veggie
- 5 Nourished
- 8 Great Lakes fish
- 12 Choir voice
- 13 "— been real"
- 14 Plane-related
- 15 Pear variety
- 17 Fury
- 18 Away from WSW
- 19 Mine yield
- 20 Say
- 21 Snoop
- 22 Upscale auto
- 23 Golf great Sam
- 26 Husband of Eurydice
- 30 Level

- 31 Genetic letters
- 32 Sicilian peak
- 33 New Mexico's capital
- 35 Director DeMille
- 36 "Nasty!"
- 37 Cowboy's sweetie
- 38 Brag
- 41 Gaiety
- 42 Mauna —
- 45 Pac-12 sch.
- 46 Cocktails garnished with olives
- 48 Avoid

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- 8 Sideways somersault
- 9 Miami team
- 10 Desire
- 11 Afrikaner
- 16 Byron or Tennyson
- 20 Strike caller
- 21 Devoted supporters
- 22 Bikini top
- 23 Rds.
- 24 Actress Long
- 25 Still, in verse
- 26 Small bill
- 27 List-ending abbr.
- 28 Half of bi-
- 29 Bando of baseball
- 31 "Bobby" subj.
- 34 Do something
- 35 Quitter's word
- 37 Mentors
- 38 Small statue
- 39 Twice cuatro
- 40 Grad
- 41 Notoriety
- 42 Leg joint
- 43 Aachen article
- 44 Now, on a memo
- 46 Club —
- 47 Sort

DOWN

- 1 Innocent one
- 2 Flair
- 3 French 101 verb
- 4 Preschooler
- 5 Red-hot
- 6 Diminutive suffix
- 7 "Spring ahead" hrs.

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Seniority

When Is the Best Time to Claim Social Security? – Ask Rusty

Dear Rusty: I will be 64 in May of this year, and I'd like to know the best time to claim Social Security. Signed: Anxious to Retire

Dear Anxious: First, please understand that there is no one “best time” to claim your Social Security benefit, because when you should claim depends upon several factors, such as:

- Your current health
- Your life expectancy
- Your immediate financial need
- Whether you are married
- Whether you are still working

When you should claim also depends upon your personal benefit goals. For example, if you wish to maximize your monthly SS benefit amount you can best do that by simply waiting until age 70 to claim. For each full year you delay past your full retirement age (FRA), your SS benefit will grow by 8%, up to age 70 when you get the maximum you're entitled to. If you are married and die first, that will also provide your widow with a higher benefit as your survivor if your wife's own benefit is less than yours. But waiting until age 70 to maximize isn't for everyone.

If you are in poor health and don't expect to enjoy at least average longevity (about 84 for a man your age now), then claiming earlier would be prudent. But claiming earlier also means a smaller benefit. Your full retirement age (FRA) is when you get 100% of the benefit you've earned from a lifetime of working. Your FRA is 66 ½ and if you wait longer than that you will earn Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs) of .667% for each full month you delay. That means that if you delay until 70, your SS benefit will be 28% more than it would be at your FRA. But if you claim before you have reached your FRA, your benefit amount will be permanently reduced by .556% for each full month earlier than your FRA that you claim. If, for example, you claim your SS to start at age 64, your benefit will be cut by about 17% from what you'd get by waiting

until your FRA to claim. And, if you are married, that smaller benefit is what your widow's survivor benefit would be based upon if you die first.

Anytime SS benefits are claimed before you have reached your full retirement age, you are subject to Social Security's “earnings test” which, if you are working, limits how much you can earn before SS takes back some of your benefits. For 2021, the annual earnings limit is \$18,960 and if that is exceeded, they will take back benefits equal to \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. The earnings test applies until you reach your FRA, after which there is no longer a limit to how much you can earn. In your specific situation, if

you were to claim for your benefits to start mid-year (e.g., in May at age 64), you would be subject to a monthly earnings limit of \$1,580 for the remaining months of 2021, and if you exceed that monthly limit in any month, you won't be entitled to any benefits for that month. Then in 2022 you'll be subject to the annual limit, which isn't yet published but will be slightly more than the 2021 limit.

Exceeding the earnings limit means that Social Security will make you repay some of your benefits and, unless you make special arrangements to do otherwise, they will withhold future benefits until they recover what you owe. That means going without benefits for some months, and if you have a spouse or other dependent(s) collecting on your record their benefits will also be suspended for that amount of time. So, as you can see there is no one simple answer to your question of when the best time is to claim Social Security. But a careful look at your personal circumstances relative to the above information should help you make that decision.

Senior TRIVIA

Can you name these famous dogs?

- No breed just a senior with color.
- Dorothy's little buddy in the Wizard.
- Disney's talking dog.
- Orphan Annie's big brown pal.
- Roy Rogers (who?) German Shepard.
- Who ever heard of a mouse with a dog? Mickey had one.
- Cousin Eddie's sloppy dog in Christmas Vacation.
- No names but there were 101 of them.
- Loveable St Bernard.
- Bill Sykes dog in Oliver.
- Tom Hanks as Turner and his large furry friend.
- (Oldie) Dagwood and Blondies dog.
- Charlie Brown's dog.
- This collie came home.
- Where are you? Great Dane.

Last Week's Answers: 1. Cher, 2. Judy Garland, 3. Ingrid Bergman, 4. Meryl Streep, 5. Hillary Clinton, 6. Debbie Reynolds, 7. Susan Sarandon, 8. Madonna, 9. Goldie Hawn, 10. Blythe Danner, 11. Janet Leigh, 12. Princess Diane



Northwest Buffalo Beat

by Joe Bortz

When I Was A Kid Final Part: Girls



The "Spin the Bottle" game.

Although my mom and dad seldom went to church, we were raised Catholic. They made sure we got all the sacraments demanded by our religion. Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation. Baptism is performed when you are just a baby. The religion states that Baptism absolves you of original sin. First Communion is a special day as you have learned enough about the teachings of the Church to receive the body of Christ in the form of a host. Very ceremonious and a daylong celebration takes place after the mass where the sacrament is performed. It is usually at the age of seven or eight. Not sure how it is now but back then monetary gifts were given. You have heard the phrase, "He still has his first communion money!" Confirmation is when you receive the gift of the Holy Spirit and become a soldier of Christ. This takes place when you are about twelve years old when you are old enough to understand. Just the right age to realize there is another sex other than your male buddies. There are many catechism classes that led up to your confirmation as it is important to know the meaning of the sacrament. As in Baptism you have a sponsor who looks after your future life in Catholicism. In Baptism it is called Godfather and Godmother. In confirmation it is just someone who Sponsors you and you take their name as your confirmation identity. Then the sponsor usually buys you a watch. Guess it was considered time to have a timepiece. The important thing here is the age. You are about to become a teenager. You are ready to conquer the world. In these preparation classes, there are both boys and

girls. Not the usual people you see at school but a new batch as they come from other areas.

It was in confirmation class I met my first girlfriend. I had many girls that were friends but this was different, somehow. A new spark was ignited that I had not had before. At first it is just casual smiles and glances at one another. Then we got to the talking stage and it was mostly innocent giggles. It was not till she invited me to come and sit on her porch did I realize that this was serious business. I accepted, of course, and was willing to go off on this new adventure. I was twelve, so was she. Her teeth braces showed when she smiled. At this age you are too young to really think about dating or even holding hands. Her parents were okay with me coming over and sitting on the top step of her front stairs. We sat there and talked for hours about almost anything. For some reason we just wanted to be together. Then one night after dark, still sitting and yapping, we held hands. That certain feeling went through my body. Had not experienced anything like this before. It was not a new feeling, but actually touching a member of the opposite sex did something warm and fuzzy from head to toe. I just remember that I liked it and desired more hand holding and touching.

After many days and nights on those steps it was time. Had to be more to this than just holding hands. There were days when we were talking, our faces got close to one another. Still we knew kissing was not the right thing to do and being good Christians we controlled our emotions. For a while. Being twelve I had not kissed a girl in pas-

sion.

Couple of times at parties we played "Spin the Bottle" but those were classmates and it did not really count as they were just pecks. I know I wanted to kiss this girl in the worst way. No, if you cannot do it in front of your parents it was a mortal sin. She was adamant about it so I would honor her wishes.

Turns out that a group formed from that confirmation class that began hanging out together. This was a different neighborhood and quite a distance from my home in Fargo. It was a pretty good walk. The girl I was seeing had to be in at dusk so I usually walked home alone in the dark, even though it was early for me. After a while some of the others in the group invited me to hang out there. I welcomed the invitation and began sticking around. This tall blond girl directly across the street had a swing glider on her porch that was more comfortable than the stairs. Yes, like my girlfriend, whose house I could see right across the street, this blond and me would also sit and talk. However this girl did not have any inhibitions. It happened one night. She happened to be more than willing and seemed experienced in the art of kissing. She did not have teeth braces. Needless to say I relented. I thought to myself I will just confess it next Saturday night at the confessional. So I went into it with a full head of steam. Surprisingly, I was all too willing. Surprisingly?

I do not recall if I ever

did end up kissing the girl I liked but I was initiated into this new phase of growing up. I had my taste, literally, of what lies ahead. Here at twelve years old I was awakened to what to expect in later life. I was looking forward to it even if it was somewhat of a venial sin. This was a new beginning. I am no longer just a

kid.

Do you have a birthday greeting you would like to see here? Birthdays, anniversaries, interesting pictures, short stories or even a 500 word column of interest to your neighbors. Send them to me and I will see what I can do. Nothing political or controversial. Send to Jbortze@aol.com.

Providence Farm Puts Down Roots in Orchard Park

Continued from page one.

Road in Orchard Park, Providence Farm Collective will expand its core farm programs, including its Incubator and Community Plot Programs, and offer expansive educational and technical assistance to opportunities in vegetable production, livestock husbandry and small business management to its farmers with the support of partners at Cornell Cooperative Extension, the Westminster Economic Development Initiative and

Buffalo Go Green through its Demonstration Plot Program.

Providence Farm Collective has emerged as a leader and model in uplifting equity and diversity in Western New York's farm and food systems. Those looking to support the changemaking work of PFC and its farmers can sign up for a CSA share or donate via PFC's website today, as well as follow the organization on Facebook for updates on its summer markets.



The harvest during the first season of the Somali Bantu Community Farm in 2017.

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SPORTS

By Bill Snyder

Shoshone Park Opening Day

Just before 10:00 am this past Saturday, the Sun began peeking through some dark clouds in the Eastern sky. It brought smiles to a small contingent of men who had arrived two hours earlier, to get Shoshone Park diamonds ready for Opening Day.

Now, after a year's hiatus, the men were determined to bring joy and happiness back to North Buffalo children. Opening Day for the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League would continue, as scheduled, thanks to the Baseball Gods, who make it possible and a Covid-19 Pandemic behind us. There was nothing that could stop this annual tradition this year, a day devoted to children, learning a game that has been passed down for generations.

Michael Burke of the Giants got the day started by throwing the first pitch, a strike to Rick Panowicz of the Cubs, and the season was underway. Even with-

out the National Anthem and the "play ball" excitement, three more games of baseball and softball began on neighboring diamonds and Shoshone Park was alive with families, looking for a sweet summer.

Chilly and damp were two more words uttered by parents, watching the first games, along with "balls and strikes" but coffee and a donut helped ease the transition near team dugouts where a manager gathered their teams. Eighteen games were played on four diamonds until almost 6:00 pm and most would agree, it was a homerun of a day. Here are some results of Day One of the Hertel North Park Youth Baseball League.

Three Cubs pitchers combined for eleven strikeouts over six innings as the Cubs defeated the Giants, 8-2. R.J. Hadden, Jeremias Torres and Mariano Guadagna gave the Cubs their first win allowing just one

hit. The Mets rallied from a 7-2 deficit in the third inning and went on to defeat the Braves, 13-12 on a bases loaded double by Lev Schneidermann. The Nationals defeated the Dodgers, 6-4 and the Reds topped the Cardinals, 11-3.

The Tigers are a new team in the Triple A Division and they picked up their first win when Patrick (P.J.) Doyle hit a grand slam homerun in the fourth inning and then hung on to defeat the Athletics, 11-10. Doyle and teammate Benjamin Hadden shared the mound duty and pitched well against a fighting A's team that fought back to tie the game up in the sixth. The Twins defeated the Orioles, 3-2 and the Blue Jays over the Angels, 10-6.

Girls got into the action this day as well. The Giants defeated the Indians, 2-0. The Athletics defeated the Reds, 4-2 and the Orioles and Yankees played to a 2-2 tie. If games end in a tie, playoff position will be determined at seasons end before all teams make the post season. It might be real exciting for Minor Division Girls.

Karrington Mann blasted a two run homerun and had six strikeouts on the mound to help lead the Astros to an 8-5 victory over the Cardinals. Teammate Gianna Holloway had two hits and scored twice in support of Mann. In another game, the Dodgers defeated the Rockies, 11-4 on the strength of pitcher Stella Cline with six strikeouts over three innings.



Friends of Reinstein Woods invites the public to its Summer BBQ Fundraiser on Saturday, July 17 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. This drive-thru, pre-order event will take place at Reinstein Woods, 93 Honorine Dr. Depew, NY 14043. Proceeds will benefit environmental education programs and stewardship projects at Reinstein Woods. Starting June 1, 2021, patrons can buy their barbecue tickets and get a sneak peek at auction items by visiting <https://reinsteinwoods.betterworld.org/>.



The Buffalo Police Explorers Class on Tuesday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m., Class of 2021 will officially graduate from the program during a ceremony at Larkin Commerce Center. The Larkin Commerce Center is located at 701 Seneca Street. The event will be held on the 8th floor. Participants must adhere to social distancing and mask guidelines set forth by New York State. Learn more at buffalopoliceexplorers.com.



Valley Center Community on Thursday, May 13th from 9am to noon, at 93 Leddy Street, Buffalo, NY 14210 will be taking appointments for eligible residents to receive their first dose of the Moderna vaccine. Second doses will be automatically scheduled for Thursday, June 10th for the same time at the center for recipients. The vaccine clinic is open to anyone wishing to get vaccinated. Walk-ins are welcomed for any available time slots on the day of the clinic.



The FeedMore WNY Foundation will hold a virtual version of its signature fundraiser, "Sweet Expectations at Home," from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19, 2021. Event tickets range from \$25 to \$250; attendees will be entered into raffles and will receive additional gift items depending on the level of ticket they purchase. Tickets and more information can be found online at www.feedmorewny.org/sweet-expectations.



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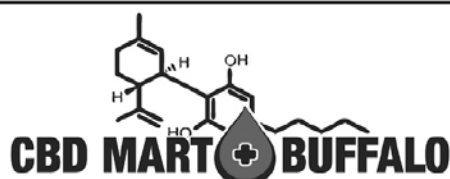
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Duprey Construction Family LLC. Arts. Of Org. filed with the SSNY on 1/11/21. Office in Erie County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC. 638 Hertel Ave. Apt. 3 Buffalo NY 14207. LLC is to be managed by Ramon Duprey Diaz and Victor Negron. 20

Notice of Formation of Tuedsdale Management Services, LLC Articles of Org. filed with the Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) on 5/21/18. Office in Erie County. The NYSS has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 479 Hickory Street, Buffalo, NY 14204. Purpose of LLC: is to engage in any lawful acts or activities.21

Yours Truly Premium Hair, LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 03/15/21. Office in Erie County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 398 14th St, Lower Buffalo, NY 14213. Purpose: Any lawful purpose. Premium virgin and mink hair. #1B and #613. Collected directly from young and healthy donors. Lasts a long time and it's thick from top to bottom. We have various styles of texture in bundles, wigs and closures. Custom made wigs available. Shop quality hair local.22

NOTICE of FORMATION of a DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY-PANY Signature Solutions Of WNY, LLC. Date of filing of Articles of Organization with the NY Dept of State: March 18, 2021. Office of the LLC: Erie County. The NY Secretary of State has been designated as the agent upon whom process may be served. NYSS may mail a copy of any process to the LLC at: 712 Eggert Rd. Buffalo, NY 14215. Purpose of LLC: (Any lawful purpose) 24

MINTEDFORYOU LLC. Art. Of Org Filed with the SSNY on 02/09/2021. Office of Erie County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to: Soneitha Ferdinand. 2021 East 41st Street. Apt 6A, Brooklyn NY. 11234. 24

Archer Trading Group LLC filed with SSNY on 5/4/21. Office: Erie County. SSNY designated as agent for process and shall mail copy to: Durrant, K. 2947 Bailey Ave, Buffalo, NY 14215. Purpose. Any lawful purpose. 24

Buffalo City School District
Advertisement for Bids

Sealed proposals for the following project will be received at the offices of DiDonato Associates, 689 Main Street, Buffalo, NY 14203, on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 11:00am., proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud at the office of DiDonato Assoc. and via Zoom Conference for:

PHASE II - POOL

RECONSTRUCTION at P.S. 94: WEST HERTEL ACADEMY

Bids will be opened for multi prime contracts: General Construction, Plumbing/Mechanical and Electrical. Beginning Tuesday May 11, 2021, bidding document packages may be viewed and purchased through Avalon Document Services online Planroom website at www.avalonbuff-planroom.com, under "Public Jobs", or ordered by phone at 716-995-7777. Owner can assume no responsibility for errors, omissions, or other misinformation obtained via other bid document distribution resources.

A mandatory pre-bid walk through conference will be held on Tuesday May 18, 2021, 11:00 AM at BPS #094 West Hertel Academy, 489 Hertel Ave., Buffalo, NY 14207.

Please assemble at the main building entry for sign in. The Architect will be present. Eligible bidders are required to attend this walk through or another previously arranged and documented site visit with Architect and/or District personnel.

Please note that required bid bond is 10%. The work will be subject to the equal employment opportunity requirements. Any questions regarding this project, please request in writing via email, addressed to: Elizabeth Meegan, email address: Lmeegan@didonato.cc, No later than Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at 12:00 Noon.

Juan Perez, AIA
Acting Director of Facilities Planning
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Buffalo City School District
Request for Proposal

The following procurement opportunities shall be posted at <https://buffaloschools.bonfirehub.com/portal>

21-0622E4-062
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21-0622E4-063
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Notice is hereby given that an order entered by the Supreme Court, Erie County, on the 10th day of May 2021, bearing index number 600136/2021, a copy of which may be examined at the office of the clerk, located at 92 Franklin Street, Buffalo, NY grants me the right to assume the name of Wu's Legion Allah-Fernandez. The city and state of my present address are Cheektowaga, NY; the month and year of my birth are June, 1989; the place of my birth is Buffalo, NY; my present name is Khairi Kou Allah-Fernandez. 19

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Dates

- Thursday, April 29th, 4:00pm
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